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My Pal!

Win  
\$100  
as I  
just  
did!

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YOU CAN  
WIN  
a BIG 15"  
SILVER CUP  
as I just did!  
with YOUR  
NAME  
engraved  
on it!

JIM NORMAN  
**AFTER**

He Mailed Coupon  
Below is Cleveland

**BEFORE**

He Mailed Coupon

90 lb.  
Skeleton

He says.  
I gained  
70 lbs.  
of  
mighty  
muscle

Mail the  
"ALL  
FREE"  
coupon  
get this  
"AMAZING  
SECRETS"  
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You'll LOOK, FEEL,  
ACT, like A Real  
HE-MAN! Win Women  
and Men Friends.  
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This BOOK will also show YOU NOW YOU  
CAN WIN \$100.00 and a BIG 15" tall  
SILVER TROPHY (Your Name on It)

HOW TO MOLD A  
**MIGHTY CHEST**  
By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"I added  
7 inches  
to my  
CHEST  
3 inches  
to each  
ARM,"  
says  
John  
Jackson

HOW TO MOLD A  
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CAN BECOME  
A HE-MAN!  
ALL AMERICAN  
HE-MAN!  
10 MINUTES  
A DAY NOW  
PHOTO BOOK

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ALL 5  
FREE

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"I'm  
PROUD  
to be  
seen  
with  
Jim  
NOW!  
Every-  
body  
admires  
his build," says Nellie.  
"Jim can lift the front  
of a 2700 lb. car.  
He amazes his friends!"

You'll be  
A Real  
ATHLETE  
in ALL  
SPORTS  
Soon  
after  
YOU  
mail  
Coupon.

Jim is a WINNER  
in ALL SPORTS NOW.  
YOU will be, too, soon.

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me  
**10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY**  
in YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did  
and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY  
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby  
you are I'll make you OVER by the  
SAME method I turned myself from a  
wreck to the strongest of the strong.  
Why can't I do for you what I did for  
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like You?

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*Alfred P. Figg* Executive Editor

## SHOULD I SAY Yes?



THIS IS THE GLORIOUS END-OF-THE-LINE THAT MY HEART'S BEEN SPEEDING TOWARDS EVER SINCE I MET DAVE! SO WHY NOW IS A COLD FIST OF FEAR SLOWLY UNCLENCHING INSIDE OF ME?

SHOULD I SAY YES... SHOULD I?



OH, DAVE... I - I LOVE YOU SO -- BUT...

BUT WHAT, DARLING?



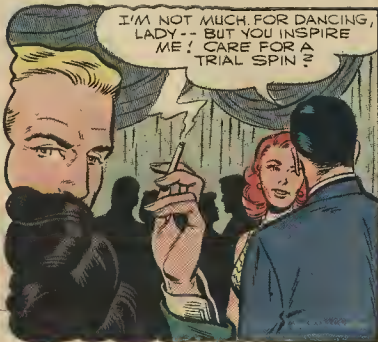
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HOW CAN I TELL YOU, DAVE? OH, DARLING, IF ONLY EVERYTHING HAD STAYED AS SWEET AS ON THE NIGHT WE FIRST MET...



... "AT THE JUNIOR CLUB DANCE ...

I'M NOT MUCH FOR DANCING, LADY -- BUT YOU INSPIRE ME! CARE FOR A TRIAL SPIN?



OF COURSE, I CARED TO! YOU WERE THE TALL HANDSOME STRANGER I'D BEEN WATCHING ALL EVENING, DAVE...

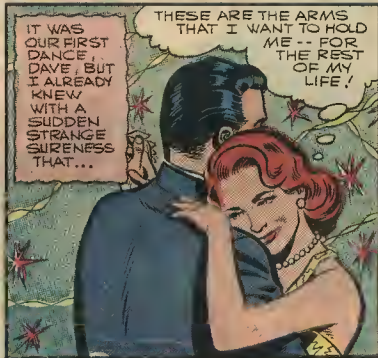
BUT YOU'RE A FINE DANCER...

LET'S SAY YOU JUST BRING OUT THE BEST IN ME!



IT WAS OUR FIRST DANCE, DAVE, BUT I ALREADY KNEW WITH A SUDDEN STRANGE SURENESS THAT...

THESE ARE THE ARMS THAT I WANT TO HOLD ME -- FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!



AFTER THAT, DAVE, WE KEPT SEEING EACH OTHER! YOU NEVER SPOKE MUCH ABOUT YOURSELF... AND I WANTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE WONDERFUL TOGETHERNESS WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH...



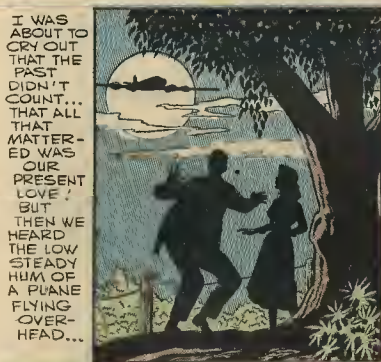
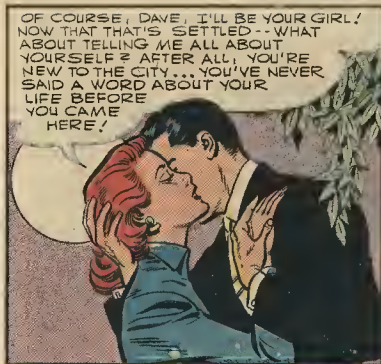
AND THEN ONE NIGHT...

I LOVE YOU, JOAN! I WANT YOU TO BE MY GIRL!

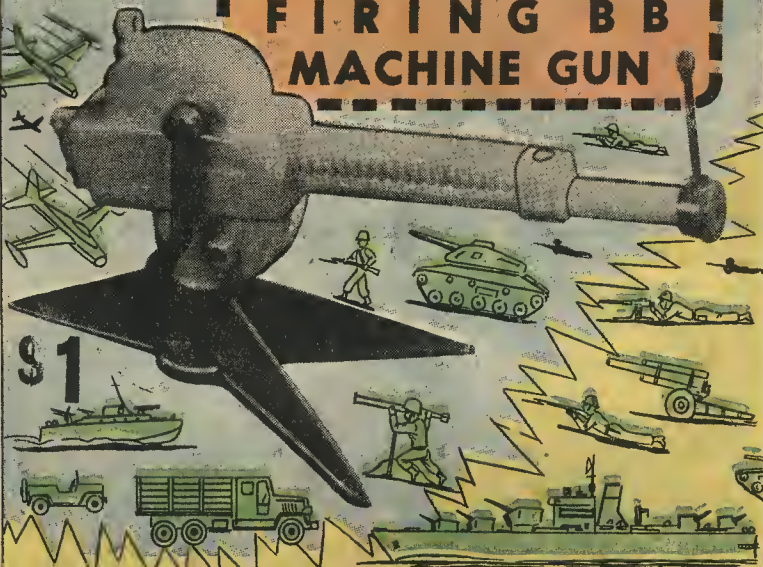




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NEITHER OF US SAID A WORD ALL THE WAY HOME! WE SAT IN THE COLD SHADOW OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED...



WHEN YOU CAME TO SEE ME THE NEXT NIGHT, YOU WERE TENSE, IT WAS ALMOST AS IF YOU EXPECTED ME TO SLAM THE DOOR SHUT ON YOU...



I LOVE YOU, DAVE! I LOVE YOU...



I FORCED MYSELF TO STOP WONDERING ABOUT WHAT WAS HIDDEN INSIDE YOU, DAVE! I WAS SURE WE WERE OUT OF ITS SHADOW FOREVER! - BUT THEN, JUST THIS AFTER-NOON...

JOAN... HAS THAT DAVE OF YOURS EVER TOLD YOU THAT HE'S GOING TO A PSYCHIATRIST?



... I SAW 'IM COMING OUT OF DOCTOR BELLOW'S OFFICE! YOU KNOW-- THAT DREAM-INSPECTOR ON MARCY STREET!

MY DAVE... GOING TO A PSYCHIATRIST?!





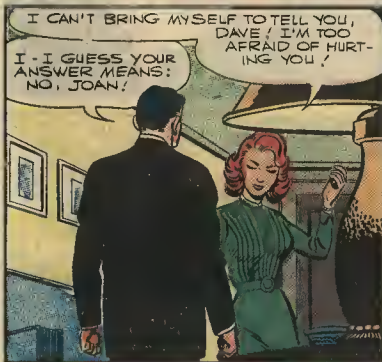
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I TOLD MYSELF IT DIDN'T MATTER -- THAT YOUR GOING FOR HELP WAS ALL FOR THE GOOD! BUT TO-NIGHT, WHEN YOU CAME HERE, YOU ASKED ME TO MARRY YOU -- AND A COLD FEAR BE-GAN SLOW-LY UNCLENCH-ING INSIDE OF ME...



PLEASE, JOAN -- PLEASE SAY YES!

JOAN... WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT ALL THIS TIME... YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME, BUT... WHAT DOES THAT BUT MEAN, JOAN?



I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL YOU, DAVE! I'M TOO AFRAID OF HURT-ING YOU!

I - I GUESS YOUR ANSWER MEANS: NO, JOAN!



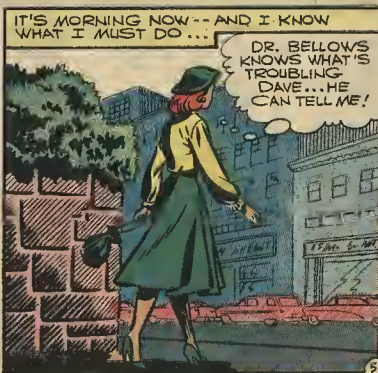
GOOD NIGHT!

DAVE! OH, MY DARLING!



THAT NIGHT...

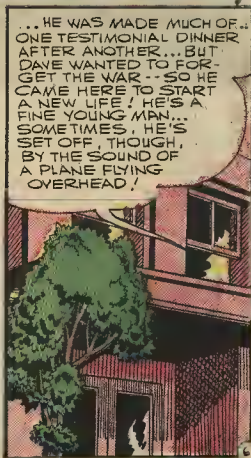
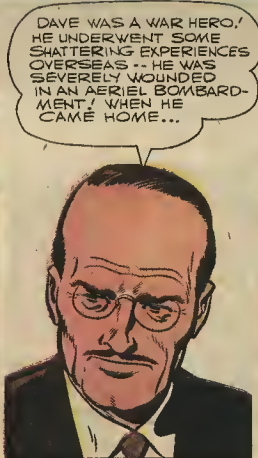
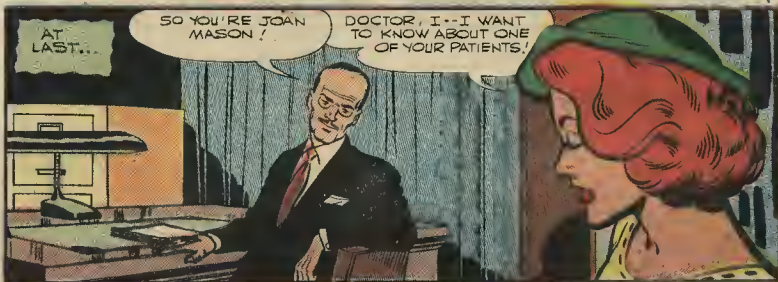
YOU WENT AWAY, DAVE, THINKING I DON'T LOVE YOU! WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT (SOB) CAN I DO?



IT'S MORNING NOW -- AND I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO...

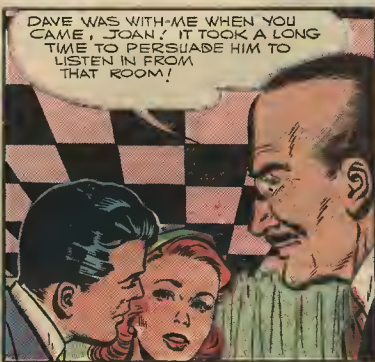
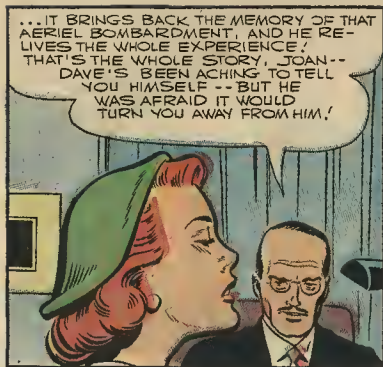
DR. BELLOWS KNOWS WHAT'S TROUBLING DAVE... HE CAN TELL ME!

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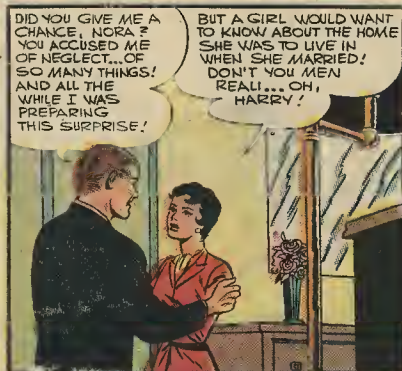
# APARTMENT FOR RENT

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FURNISHED...  
SUBLEASE... REA-  
SONABLE, FINE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
INQUIRE: 3 CROWN  
STREET, APT. 1-A,  
AFTER FIVE.

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HOUSE BY  
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NOTICE  
ROCKY, COME

5129 BILL M. BECAME SUPER

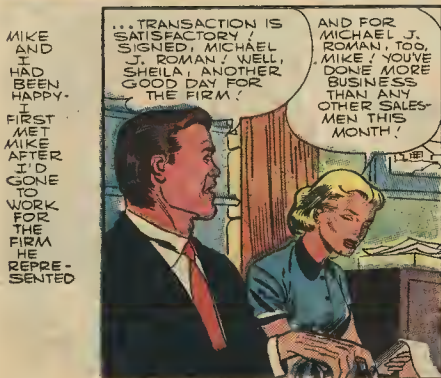
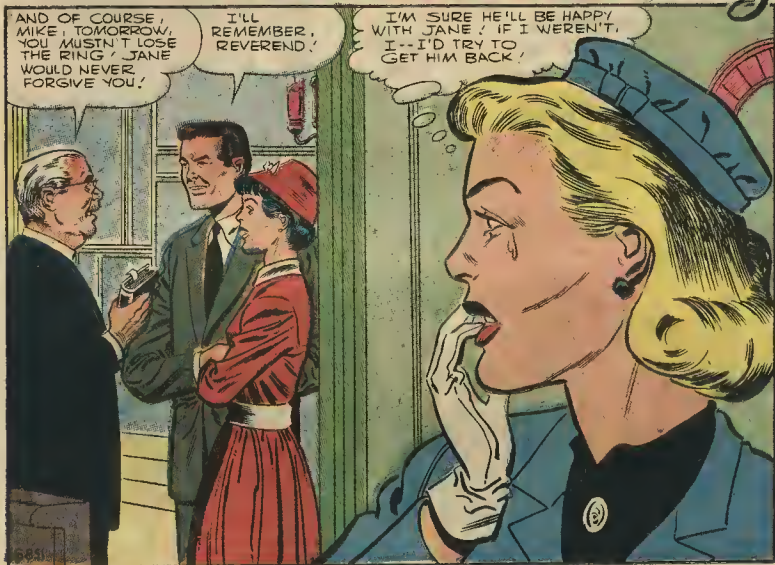




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I TRIED TO FORGET MIKE... MIKE, THE SMILING, DRIVING BUSINESSMAN WITH THE GAMBLING STREAK THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF ALL OUR TROUBLES. I STILL LOVED HIM, BUT I LET HIM GO-- BELIEVING THAT JANE ROBERTS COULD GIVE HIM MORE HAPPINESS THAN I; YES...

## I Gave **THE GROOM** Away



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MIKE WAS A BRILLIANT BUSINESS-MAN-- BUT I WAS HIS CONSCIENCE FORCING HIM TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS HE TRIED TO IGNORE...



HMM, WITH THE TAX DEDUCTION ON THIS BLOCK, A NICE PROFIT COULD BE MADE!

OF COURSE, MIKE! AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING, YOU'LL BE A PARTNER SOON!

I KNOW I WILL--BUT NOT IN A REAL ESTATE COMPANY, I WANT TO BE YOUR PARTNER, SHEILA-- FOR LIFE!

OH, MIKE! I WANT YOU TO BE TOO! BUT FIRST, SOLVE THE PROBLEMS YOU HAVE ON HAND!



I KNOW, SHEILA-- BUT I HAVE DIFFERENT PLANS--I WANT TO BUILD LOW COST HOUSES. FOR PEOPLE LIKE US! AM I CRAZY?

OH, MIKE, I'LL HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN!



I FELT THAT IT WAS CRAZY--GIVING UP AN ASSURED FUTURE TO GAMBLE ON A DREAM! BUT I LOVED MIKE WITH ALL MY HEART...

HI, DARLING! WAIT'LL YOU SEE THESE PLANS, THEY'RE PRACTICAL AND CHEAP...

MR. SMYTHE WANTS TO SEE YOU AND HE'S FURIOUS...



MIKE WAS IN THE OFFICE A FEW MINUTES... AND I COULD HEAR THEIR VOICES FROM MY DESK! THEN, MIKE CAME CHARGING OUT...

COME ON, SHEILA, WE'RE GETTING OUT OF THIS PLACE!

BUT... ALL RIGHT, MIKE!



I KNOW YOU CAN MAKE GOOD ON YOUR OWN, DARLING! BUT WHY QUIT NOW? REMEMBER OUR PLANS?

WE'LL STILL BE MARRIED, SHEILA! WHY CAN'T YOU SEE IT MY WAY?





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WHY DIDN'T I SEE IT HIS WAY? MIKE LOVED TO GAMBLE... NOT ON HORSES OR AT CARDS, BUT BUSINESS GAMBLING! AND I WANTED SAFE, SANE LIVING... AND MIKE, BUT I GOT NEITHER...



HE'S GOING AHEAD WITH THE HOUSING DEAL EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS HE'LL PROBABLY LOSE EVERYTHING. I CAN'T STAND TO SEE HIM FAIL...

I'M JUST HOLDING HIM BACK... UNDERMINING HIS CONFIDENCE... BUT I CAN'T HELP IT-- IT'S THE WAY I FEEL.



THE NEXT DAY, IN THE TINY OFFICE MIKE HAD OPENED...

SMILE, DARLING! THIS IS MISTER DANIELS. HE'S INTERESTED IN MY PLANS. MY SECRETARY, MISS DRAKE...

WHY, HELLO, MISTER DANIELS...

HELLO, SHEILA! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOU AND JANE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER!



THE LAND IS GOOD AND THESE HOUSES WILL SELL--AND THEY'RE FINE FOR THE MONEY!

SOUNDS GOOD, MIKE! I'LL LET YOU KNOW...



I'M SURE HE'LL BACK ME, SHEILA! NOW WILL YOU ADMIT I WAS RIGHT?

NOT YET, MIKE! I KNOW MR. DANIELS. HE'S CONSERVATIVE LIKE ME!



JANE DROPPED BY A FEW DAYS LATER-- MR. DANIELS' DAUGHTER...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, SHEILA! WHERE'S THAT HANDSOME, RECKLESS FIANCE' OF YOURS THAT DAD TOLD ME ABOUT?

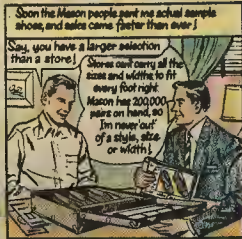
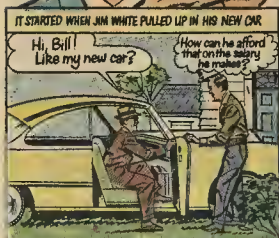
DID YOUR FATHER SAY RECKLESS? THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD FOR MIKE!



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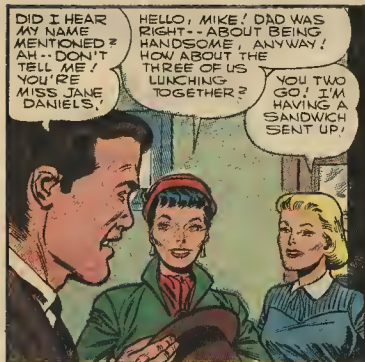
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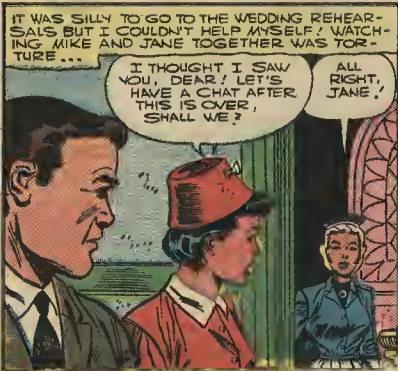
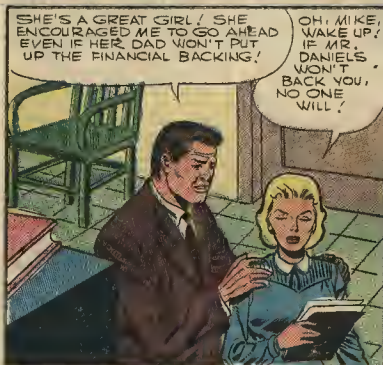
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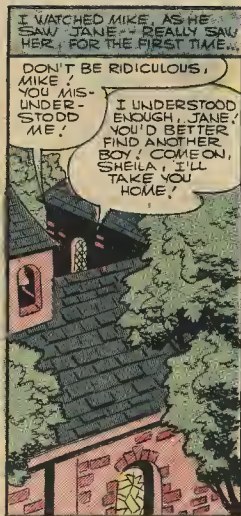
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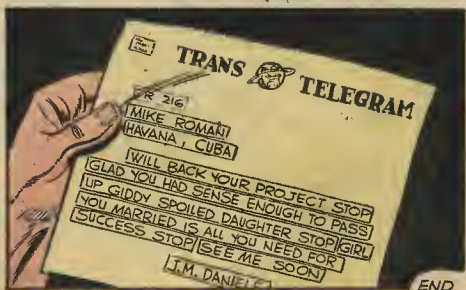
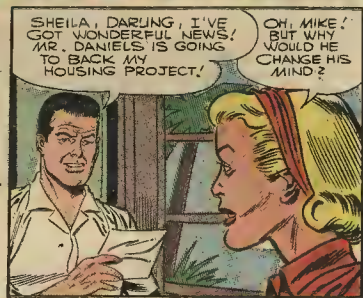
MY HEART ACHED WHEN THEY LEFT... THEY WERE SO ALIKE! I KNEW JANE WOULD NEVER FORCE MIKE TO FORGET DREAMS AND FACE REALITY AS I DID...



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THE WEDDING WAS SIMPLE AND THE HONEYMOON IDYLIC BUT IT WAS A TELEGRAM THAT MADE OUR HAPPINESS COMPLETE...





# HAPPY HOME



"I'm the happiest girl in the entire world," boasted Lee Conlan. "A year ago I resigned from being a mail clerk in Sampson & Hedges. Then you came along. Shows you how small things can change a person's life. Just suppose Helen Laddell hadn't introduced the two of us? I guess I still would be sorting the mail. Now I'm Mrs. Lee Conlan. I just can't believe the two of us are married! I pinch myself to see if I am dreaming."

Frank Conlan couldn't help laughing. He was taking the suitcases from the back of his car. They had been at Lake Tanassee for their honeymoon.

"Wait with those suitcases," ordered the dark haired girl with the sparkling brown eyes. "Isn't there something about a husband carrying his wife over the threshold of their home? Surely, you can't say you are a weakling. After all, you did play fullback on your college team. Or at least that is what you have told me. I should have insisted upon seeing some affidavits signed by the college coach before we were married. Well, go ahead and lift me up from the ground."

The young husband hesitated and it was evident something was bothering him. Lee sensed it in a minute. She placed her hand on her husband's shoulder.

"Something wrong, darling?"

"Yes, Lee dear," admitted Frank. "It isn't our home. I am living in your mother's home. Seems to me that when we have our own place I should lift you across the threshold."

"But please, darling," insisted Lee. "I still want to have that romantic touch that makes you feel you are walking on a cloud."

Frank lifted his wife from the ground and walked slowly up the path that led to the two story frame house owned by Lee's mother, Mrs. Jane Driggs. The door opened and a thin grey haired woman, wearing an apron eyed her daughter and her new son-in-law.

"What kind of nonsense is this? Put her down this very minute. You could rupture yourself, Frank. Or if you dropped Lee, you might injure her spine."

There came a time in the life of every person when a decision has to be made in a split second. Offhand, the matter may seem to be unimportant. Yet after a period of time has elapsed, the event itself will turn out to be crucial. Frank instinctively permitted Lee to slide to the ground. He made the decision, but what he didn't realize until later, was that he had permitted his mother-in-law to boss him. And from then on there would be no letting up in what she said, what she wanted, and how determined a woman she would be. As Ben Driggs, the unimportant male half of the family was to phrase it: "Our country is democracy but my home is an autocracy with a female boss."

Lee and Frank had the double bedroom on the south side of the house. Frank brought the bags up. Lee looked at the curtains. Her eyes showed disappointment.

"I asked mother to hang the white curtains. Wonder why she put up the blue curtains?"

"Probably figured the white curtains would get dirty quickly," replied Frank.

It was a good guess. Frank and Lee unpacked the bags. Then they went downstairs. Pappa Ben greeted the two of them.

"Nothing like being young. Wish some scientist would find out how to keep youth forever. Or at least invent some kind of energy pills. Glad you two had a honeymoon. That was a very nice card you sent from Lake Tanassee. Maybe I'll convince Ma to spend a week up there this summer. I see they have a lower rate with the modified American plan. Two meals a day will more than suit your mother."

It was when Mrs. Driggs served the veal and potatoes that the incident started. Frank ate the veal but not the potatoes.

"You must eat potatoes, they are good for you."

"But I don't like them," replied Frank.

That should have ended it. But not for Mrs. Driggs. In a second she started to cry. She was merely using the old technique of getting her way by turning on the two water faucets con-

nected to the eyes. Frank ate the potatoes to keep the peace. But he had enough sense to know you couldn't live your own life with Mrs. Driggs in the same house. At the end of two weeks, Frank found himself forced with an ultimatum he was giving to his wife.

"Look, Lee, we must do some clear thinking. There really isn't anything wrong with your mother except that she has the boss complex. She thinks we're two children and wants to run us. Tells me what kind of tie to wear with my shirt. I mustn't have butter with my bread when we have bacon and eggs. I shouldn't go with you to see the double feature at the Avalon Movies, because she didn't like the show. There's a breaking point and I just reached it. If we have to sleep on a park bench, then it's better than staying here. Don't misunderstand me. Your mother probably is a wonderful woman. I guess it just is human nature. We are under her roof. So she acts like the big boss."

Lee was quiet for a few minutes when Frank finished speaking. She knew what would have to be done. A woman must cling to her husband. That was what she had promised to do when she married him. For better, or for worse . . . Her own mother would be hurt. For the moment she felt like suggesting that they might talk it over with mother. But her common sense told her it would be to no avail. So she merely made one remark.

"When da we pack?"

Poppa Driggs saw them as they were about to leave the house. His wife was out doing some shopping. He didn't show the slightest sign of surprise.

"Just wondering how long before you two would hit the ceiling. If you are short of cash, let me help you. I guess it is the housing shortage. Somebody ought to make a small house just for a newly married couple. Something like an expansion box. Add more rooms when the kids come later. Bet the guy would make a million."

Lee and Frank went out to the car. They drove around aimlessly and ate a quick supper at a lunch wagon. Then they returned to their car. They sat there watching the stars in the sky. Suddenly a voice shouted.

"Open up."

A policeman was at the side of the car. Frank opened the door and asked, "Anything wrong, officer?"

Then the officer smiled. It was evident he recognized Frank.

"I'm Joe Parsons, Frank. Long time, no see. Just checking up on cars. What brings you here to watch the stars?"

Frank was in a talkative mood. He didn't notice the man in a blue suit next to Joe. And Lee couldn't even get a word in edgewise. When he was finished, Joe handed him a set of keys.

"I have a small apartment at 236 Terrace Road. Apartment 3A. First key opens the top lock. Second key for the bottom. I'm on a special assignment for the week. Not sleeping home. So you and the missus use the place. I have an idea you'll have your problem solved. Don't worry."

Frank and Lee parked themselves in the small apartment. They were happy. And then forty-eight hours later, 1,378 newspapers here, in Canada, and in Hawaii carried Max Earle's daily column, "I Watch The City." He told the story about the young couple that needed a small house. Also the suggestion made by the father-in-law. And he wrote about mother-in-laws.

Whoever said people lack understanding? Frank and Lee were just dazzled by what happened. They received many offers of apartments and houses. Finally they took the house that was built in exactly one week by Dave Alpert.

"Look here," said the builder. "That's a wonderful idea your father-in-law gave you. I'll see he gets a check for it. But for you I want you to have the dream house. It cost me only four thousand dollars to build. Max Earle is going to write a follow up story on the house. A present to you two people who should be happy."

"But I can't take something for nothing," protested Frank. "Let me make a small payment every month until I have paid it all up."

It took some coaxing, and the builder finally agreed. Lee and Frank moved into a completely furnished house. They were very happy. In fact they even appeared on two television programs. It was after they had been in their home for three months that the bell rang. Lee answered it and saw her father.

"Anything wrong, dad?" she asked.

"The city just condemned our house," he replied. "We have to get out by the first of the month. They are building the new highway. Ma is out in the car. She wants to know if we can live with you until we get our place?"

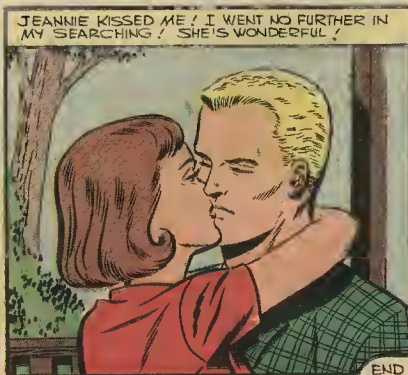
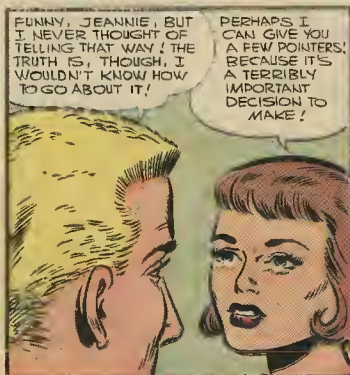


# WHICH ONE, Jeannie?

HAVING KNOWN AND RESPECTED JEANNIE ALL MY LIFE, IT WAS QUITE NATURAL THAT I SHOULD TALK OVER WITH HER MY MOST IMPORTANT DECISION...

JEANNIE, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED!

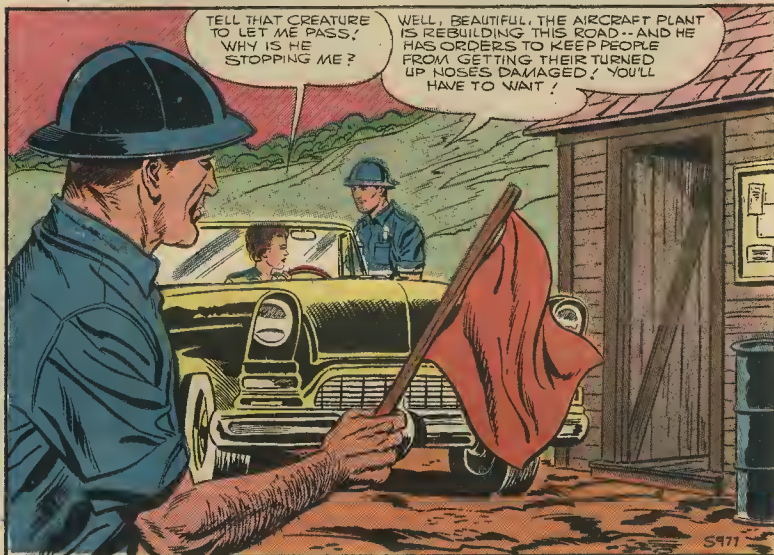
OH, BILL!



BRIDES IN LOVE

# The *Lovely* SNOB

THAT'S WHAT HANK CALLED ME -- THE LOVELY SNOB! I WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN MY MOUTH AND AFTER THAT CAME EVERY ADVANTAGE THAT MONEY COULD BUY! UNTIL THE MONEY RAN OUT ... AND I LEARNED THAT EVEN MONEY COULDN'T BUY HAPPINESS! THEN I MET HANK...



HE LAUGHED, AND I WAS SORRY I'D SAID IT BECAUSE BENEATH THAT LAUGH THERE WAS ANGER--AND I DIDN'T WANT TO ANGER HIM...





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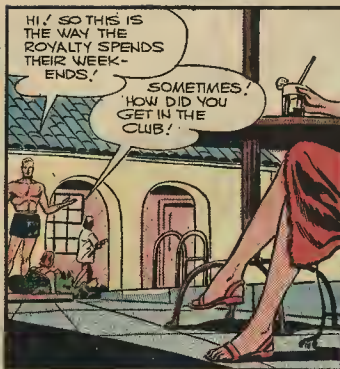
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# BRIDES IN LOVE

I  
KEPT  
REMEMBER-  
ING HIS  
TANNED  
HAND--  
SOME  
FACE--  
AND  
WONDERED  
IF  
HE'D  
TAKE  
THE  
HINT  
I'D  
GIVEN  
HIM!  
HE  
DID,  
THAT  
SATURDAY...



HI! SO THIS IS  
THE WAY THE  
ROYALTY SPENDS  
THEIR WEEK-  
ENDS!

SOMETIMES,  
'HOW DID YOU  
GET IN THE  
CLUB!'

I HAVE FRIENDS,  
SWEETHEART!  
HAVE A SMOKE  
FROM A  
PEASANT!

THANKS! I'VE  
HEARD YOU'RE  
A PROMISING  
YOUNG MAN!  
NOT REALLY A  
PEASANT AT ALL!



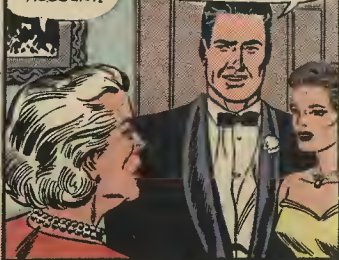
ENOUGH OF A PEASANT TO  
KNOW A PRETTY GIRL WHEN  
I SEE ONE WITHOUT  
CHECKING HER  
FAMILY TREE! THERE'S  
A DANCE TONIGHT--  
GOT A DATE?

WHY, I...  
NO, I  
PLANNED  
TO STAY  
HOME WITH  
MY AUNT!  
BUT I  
SUPPOSE  
I COULD  
GO OUT!

I  
TRIED  
NOT  
TO  
ADMIT  
IT  
TO  
MYSELF--  
BUT  
HANK  
WAS  
SO  
DIFFERENT  
FROM  
THE  
BOYS  
I'D BEEN  
RAISED  
WITH!  
I LOVED  
HIM  
FROM  
THE  
START...

WHO IS  
HE? I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
ANY CARNEY  
FAMILY  
OF ANY  
ACCOUNT!

WE'RE SHANTY  
IRISH, MISS LOVETT!  
NOT IN THE SOCIAL  
REGISTER AT ALL!  
DITCHDIGGERS  
FROM WAY BACK!



DON'T BE  
NASTY, HANK!  
GOOD NIGHT,  
AUNT ELLEN!

GOOD NIGHT, MISS LOVETT,  
IF I DON'T GET RUTH  
BACK SAFELY I'LL  
THROW AWAY MY  
PICK AND  
SHOVEL!



THE NIGHT WAS LOVELY... AND THE ORDEAL  
I DREADED WITH MY FRIENDS WASN'T AS  
BAD AS I'D EXPECTED...

THIS IS HANK  
CARNEY. HE'S  
WITH THE NEW  
COMPANY!

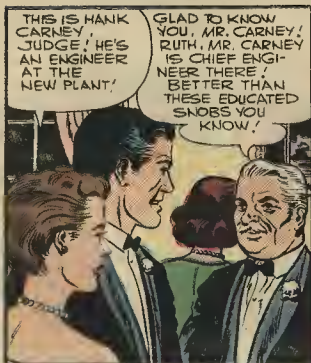
PLEASURE, CARNEY!  
SAY, IF THEY NEED  
A LAWYER THERE,  
LET ME KNOW!





# BRIDES IN LOVE

I WAS STUPID-- PREPARED TO DEFEND HANK FROM MY SNOBBISH FRIENDS. BUT THEY ACCEPTED HIM QUICKLY...



IT WAS A DREAM THAT NIGHT... THERE WAS A MOON... AND HANK... AND I FORGOT THAT I WAS A LOVETT WITH A POSITION TO MAINTAIN...

OH, HANK! I'M SO CONFUSED!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, RUTH! I'M A LITTLE MIXED UP MYSELF -- BUT I LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT!



HANK CALLED LATER IN THE WEEK-- AND I ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO DINNER...

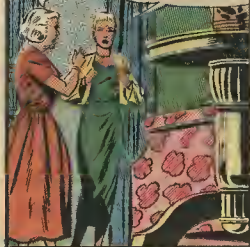


# BRIDES IN LOVE

HANK SENSED A CHANGE IN ME BUT HE IGNORED IT-- AND I WOUND UP HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME WITH HIM AS USUAL / BUT WHEN I FINALLY GOT HOME...

RUTH, YOU MUST STOP THIS, HE'S... A DAY LABORER! REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE!

I KNOW, AUNT ELLEN, BUT HE'S NICE / NICER THAN THE ONES YOU CALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE!



BESIDES, ALL OF THE ONES YOU WANT FOR ME ARE FAILURES-- THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY ANY MORE! BESIDES, HANK IS A SUCCESS!



I CRIED THAT NIGHT--AS I WAS TO CRY MANY NIGHTS AFTER...

DO I LOVE HIM FOR HIMSELF OR JUST BECAUSE HE CAN GIVE ME THE THINGS I'VE ALWAYS HAD!



HANK NEVER HAD A CHANCE AFTER THAT... I PLAYED MY CARDS VERY CAREFULLY...

RUTH, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! LET'S GO OUT ON THE TERRACE!

I'M SURE MY AUNT WOULD DIS-APPROVE, BUT ALL RIGHT!



DON'T PLAY GAMES NOW, DARLING! ANSWER YES OR NO-- WILL YOU MARRY ME?

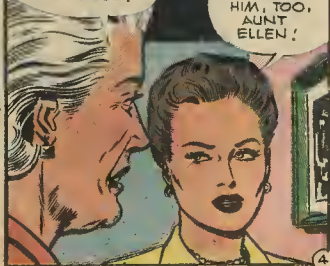
OH, DARLING, OF COURSE I WILL!



I TOLD MY AUNT LATER THAT NIGHT-- AND I WAS SURPRISED AT HER REACTION...

SO YOU'RE MARRYING HIM! SMART GIRL! I FOUND THAT HE EARNS A VERY NICE SALARY! YOU THOUGHT OF THAT, OF COURSE!

I... I DID! BUT I LOVE HIM, TOO, AUNT ELLEN!

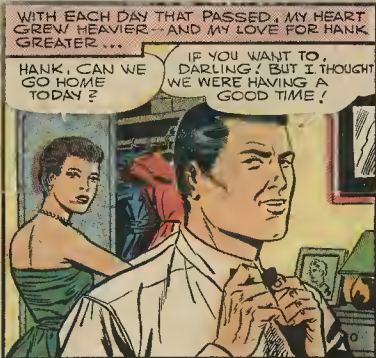
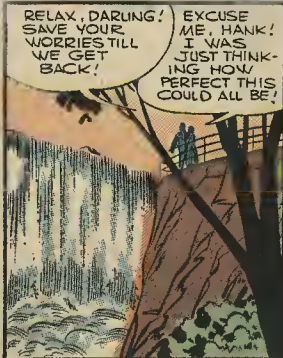




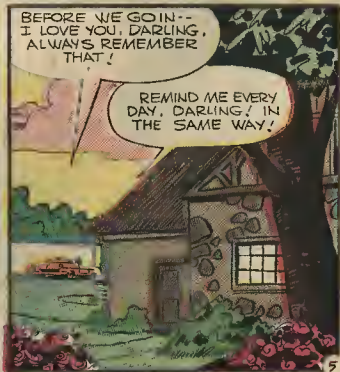
# BRIDES IN LOVE



THE HONEYMOON WOULD'VE BEEN PERFECT-- BUT A CLOUD HUNG OVER BOTH OF US! I TRIED TO IGNORE IT BUT I COULDN'T...

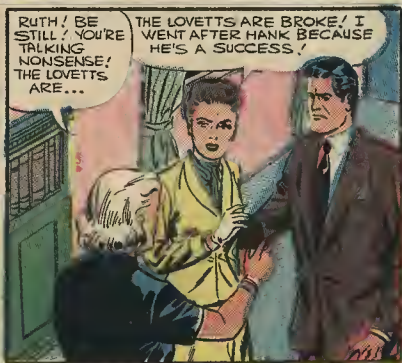


WE WERE-- BUT MY CONSCIENCE TORMENTED ME! I HAD TO GET HOME TO FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS...



# BRIDES IN LOVE

AND THEN, WE WENT IN-- INTO THE GENTEEL, WELL-HIDDEN POVERTY OF MY HOME! AUNT ELLEN WAS WAITING-- STILL THE SAME OLD SNOB...



I WAITED TO SEE HATE IN HIS EYES... BUT NONE APPEARED! HE STILL LOOKED AT ME WITH THAT QUIZZICAL HALF GRIN I LOVED SO MUCH...

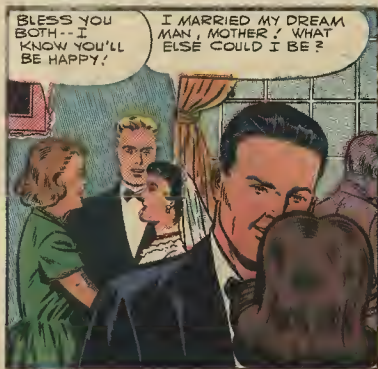


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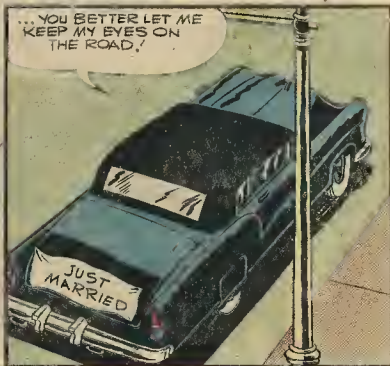


BRIDES IN LOVE

# The **END** of the **H**oneymoon



# BRIDES IN LOVE





# BRIDES IN LOVE

IF I HAD BEEN WISER, I WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT SOMETHING WAS REALLY TROUBLING PHIL, BUT I WAS YOUNG... AND BLINDED BY HAPPINESS! AND THEN, LATER THAT SAME DAY...



PHIL...  
LOOK!



IT'S BEAUTIFUL, PHIL!  
PLEASE, DARLING...  
BUY IT FOR ME AS  
A SOUVENIR OF  
OUR HONEYMOON!



I WANT IT, PHIL! IT'S  
AS BEAUTIFUL AS  
THESE LAST TWO  
WEEKS.



SURE, IF IT MAKES  
YOU HAPPY! THAT'S  
ALL THAT COUNTS,  
ISN'T IT?

ON OUR WAY BACK, PHIL WAS STRANGELY  
SILENT... BUT MY HEART WAS STILL  
SKIMMING WITH THE BIRDS...



I NEVER DREAMED  
I COULD BE SO HAPPY...  
NEVER, PHIL!

WE  
WERE  
HOME  
NOW!  
THIS  
HAD  
BEEN  
PHIL'S  
FIRST  
DAY  
BACK  
AT  
HIS  
OFFICE!  
BUT  
NOW  
MY  
HANDSOME  
HUSBAND  
HAD  
COME  
HOME  
FOR  
DINNER...



SURPRISE, DARLING!





# BRIDES IN LOVE

LOOK, PHIL-- PATE DE FOIS GRAS...  
FILET MIGNON... AND CHAMPAGNE!  
ONLY THE BEST FOR  
MY DREAM MAN!



WHAT'S WRONG, PHIL?  
WHY ARE YOU LOOK-  
ING AT ME THAT  
WAY?



LOIS-- THIS HAS TO  
STOP! WE HAVE TO  
GET BACK DOWN  
TO EARTH!



... ALL THROUGH THE HONEY-  
MOON YOU KEPT SPENDING  
MONEY LIKE WATER... THE  
BEST HOTEL... THE MOST  
EXPENSIVE RESTAURANTS...  
FLOWERS EVERY DAY--  
I COULDN'T BRING  
MYSELF TO SAY NO  
TO YOU...



... BUT NOW THE HONEY-  
MOON IS  
OVER! HEY,  
WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING?

LET ME  
OUT OF  
HERE!  
I HATE  
YOU!



WHEN PEOPLE LOVE EACH OTHER,  
HONEYMOONS (SHE) DO LAST  
FOREVER! BUT YOU WERE  
RIGHT... OURS IS OVER!



I WAS ANGRY AND FEELING  
VERY SORRY FOR MYSELF!

# BRIDES IN LOVE

BUT AS I KEPT WALKING, I BEGAN TO THINK OTHERWISE! I BEGAN TO REMEMBER...

THE BILL AT THE HOTEL... THAT BRACELET!



OH, PHIL, I WAS SO THOUGHTLESS! I WAS LIVING IN A CHILD'S DREAM... FORGETTING THAT YOUR HARD-EARNED MONEY HAD TO PAY FOR MY DREAM!



AND NOW, PHIL-- YOU (sob) DON'T WANT ME ANYMORE! IF YOU DID-- YOU'D HAVE FOLLOWED ME... BUT YOU LET ME GO...



PHIL!

YOU COOLED DOWN YET, LOIS? I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU ALL THIS TIME... GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO THINK THINGS OVER!



OH, PHIL... CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

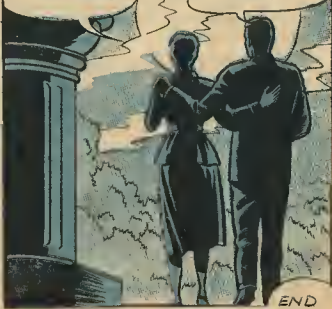
I NEED A LOT OF FORGIVING TOO, LOIS! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU RIGHT AT THE START!



AND SO, THE HONEYMOON WAS OVER! BUT WHO CARED? I WAS GROWN UP NOW-- I KNEW THAT DREAMING WAS SWEET, BUT TO MAKE A GO OF MARRIAGE, YOU HAVE TO STOP DREAMING...

I'LL BE A GOOD WIFE, PHIL-- YOU WILL SEE!

LOIS, DARLING-- HOW COULD YOU EVER BE ANYTHING ELSE?



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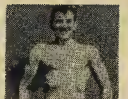


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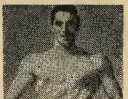
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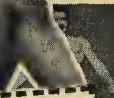
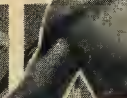
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